

No Back-in Policy – FAQs

Q: What do you mean by 'No Back-in' policy?

A: The premise of the 'No Back-in' policy is that the License Plate Recognition (LPR) cameras need to be able to read the tag number of vehicles. Many states such as Florida, do not require a front license plate on a vehicle. Therefore, when a vehicle without a front license plate reverses into a parking space, the plate cannot be read. This policy ensures that all vehicles will be able to quickly and efficiently have their plate read.

Q: Why is this new policy needed?

A: Technology is rapidly changing in all industries and 'Parking' is no exception. Our commitment to our customers that park a vehicle on campus is to provide efficient and convenient parking to those that have purchased the appropriate parking permit. The 'No Back-in' policy allows us to utilize the License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology to more efficiently manage the parking garages and surface lots.

Q: What are the benefits of this policy?

- A:
1. Not having to switch a hangtag between your registered vehicles
 2. No lost permit replacement fee
 3. Ease of exchanging permits - no trip to Parking & Transportation
 4. No need to wait for permit to be mailed
 5. Green U – no printing of plastic permits
 6. Eliminate fraud - no duplicating permits
 7. Enhanced safety and security with identification of wanted vehicles

Q: I like displaying my UM parking permit and is a source for showing my UM pride.

A: While plastic hangtags are heading off to retirement, you can still use your vehicle to show your UM pride by purchasing an official UM License Plate. Visit the UM Alumni Association website by [clicking here](#)

Q: Backing in is much easier and safer when entering or leaving a parking facility.

A: Different people have different preferences when it comes to their parking behaviors. Numerous states do not require a front license plate on vehicles and so an option was created to allow owners of vehicles without a front license plate to still continue to reverse into a space. The unique front plate that is linked to a customer's permit can be purchased from Parking & Transportation for a fee of \$20. There are multiple methods of mounting these plates found with a quick search on the internet. A few suggestions have been listed on the website of Parking & Transportation. Please note that this is not an official Department of Motor Vehicle license plate and is simply a unique "vanity" plate developed specifically to facilitate UM community members who prefer to back-in. This plate can only be purchased at UM Parking & Transportation – think of it as an extension of a UM parking permit.

Q: I do not want to drill holes in the front of my car to mount the plate. What other options do I have?

A: There are numerous after-market options for mounting a front plate without drilling holes into your vehicle. Some of these are listed on the webpage of Parking & Transportation and can also be found with a quick search on the internet.

Q: Will I have to purchase a front plate every year with my permit?

A: No. The front plate is a one-time purchase. Each subsequent permit will be linked to the front plate as well as the official state-issued license plate. If you change your vehicle, the front plate will also be transferable to your new vehicle.